



**US Army Corps
of Engineers
Savannah District**

Biography

COLONEL JOSEPH K. SCHMITT

District Commander

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District

Colonel Joseph K. Schmitt assumed command of the Savannah District in June 1998 after serving as Assistant Director for Atlantic Region, Civil Works Programs at Headquarters, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D. C.

As District Commander, Colonel Schmitt is responsible for military design and construction; hazardous, toxic and radiological waste; real estate and civil works. The military district covers Army and Air Force installations in Georgia, North and South Carolina. The Savannah District also performs work nationwide and worldwide in support of family housing, barracks/dorms, master planning and other facilities.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Colonel Schmitt holds an Associate of Applied Science degree in Mechanical Technology from Erie County Technical Institute, State University of New York, Buffalo; two Bachelor's degrees – one in Business Administration from Columbia College, Columbia, Mo., the other in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri-Rolla; and three Master's degrees – one in Systems Management from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, one in Civil Engineering/Construction Management from Oregon State University, Corvallis, and the third in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University, Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

His military schooling includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; Airborne Course; Mapping, Charting and Geodesy Officer's Course; the Command and General Staff College; and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Colonel Schmitt entered the Army in 1971 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers from Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Ga., March 6, 1975. He has served in a variety of command and staff positions, including three overseas tours in Germany and operational deployments to Somalia and Haiti. His command assignments include Company D, 1st Battalion, 2d Training Brigade, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; 630th Engineer Company, 649th Engineer Battalion (Topographic), 18th Engineer Brigade, Schwetzingen, Germany; 30th Engineer Battalion, 20th Engineer Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C. His staff assignments include Battalion S-3, 649th Engineer Battalion, 18th Engineer Brigade, Schwetzingen, Germany; Emergency Operations Officer, Director of Civil Works and Executive Officer to the Director of Engineering and Construction, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Personnel Assignments Officer, Officer Assignments and Chief, Officer



Assignments, 1st Personnel Command, U.S. Army Europe; Battalion Executive Officer, 79th Engineer Battalion (Combat)(Heavy), 18th Engineer Brigade, Karlsruhe, Germany; Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff, Headquarters, U.S. Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany; and Engineer Colonels Assignment Officer, Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Va.

Among his military awards and decorations are the Meritorious Service Medal (six Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster), the Good Conduct Medal, the Expeditionary Medal, the National Defense Service Medal (one Gold Star), the Master Parachutist Badge, and foreign jump wings from Japan, Australia, and Germany.

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